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SUBJECT: PMAC CHAIRMAN ADDRESSES AAPSO CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY: AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION'S CONFERENCE OPENED OCTOBER 30 IN ADDIS ABABA, CLIMAXING WEEK-LONG ETHIOPIAN OBSERVANCE OF SOLIDARITY WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF ADDRESS OF PMAC CHAIRMAN TEFERI BANTE. COVERAGE OF OPENING-DAY ACTIVITIES REPORTED SEPTEL; CONFERENCE WRAPUP WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL.

1. AMID BLITZ OF LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE, PMAC CHAIRMAN TEFERI BANTE GAVE MAJOR OPENING ADDRESS TO AAPSO CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN STRESSED THAT EMERGENCE OF REVOLUTIONARY ETHIOPIAN WOULD ENHANCE STRENGTH OF PROGRESSIVE
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ITS REFUSAL TO HOLD TALKS WITH SWAPO AND SHAM CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AT WINDHOEK, NOTED WITH DISTRESS VETOES OF WESTERN POWERS AT SECURITY COUNCIL, AND INDICATED IMPERIALIST POWERS MUST MAKE CHOICE NOW BETWEEN PRETORIA AND REST OF AFRICA. IN REFERENCE TO TRANSKEI, HE REFERRED TO BANTUSTAN POLICY AS QUOTE INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM UNQUOTE AND CALLED FOR FURTHER STEPS AGAINST BANTUSTAN POLICY. TEFERI ALSO CALLED FOR AFRO-ASIAN STEPS TOWARD REALIZATION OF UNITARY SOUTH AFRICAN STATE AND INCREASED MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. ON RHODESIA, CHARIMAN NOTED THAT SMITH REGIME HAD BEEN FORCED ACCEPT PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE AND STATED THAT THIS PRINCIPLE SHOULD ALSO HOLD FOR TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. TEFERI BANTE CALLED ON LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO BURY PAST DIFFERENCES AND PRESENT UNITED FRONT. CHAIRMAN CLOSED HIS SPEECH BY REITERATING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON INTERNAL SELF-DETERMINATION THROUGH REGIONAL AUTONOMY, AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO ERITREAN PROBLEM. HE NOTED INTERFERENCE IN ETHIOPIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS BY OLD AND NEW IMPERIALISTS (READ WEST AND ARABS) ADDING THAT WHILE INTERFERENCE IS MOST PRO-NOUNCED IN ERITREAN OTHER EXAMPLES COULD BE CITED (READ SOMALI IRREDENTISM).

3. IN OTHER ACTIVITIES, PMAC FIRST VICE CHARIMAN MENGISTU, PRIMUS INTER PARES ON PMAC, MET SATURDAY AFTERNOON WITH F.A. TABEEV, HEAD OF SOVIET DELEGATION AND MEHDI EL HAFEZ, LEADER OF IRAQI DELEGATION. MENGISTU REPORTEDLY THANKED SOVIET UNION FOR ITS SUPPORT OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION, WHILE MEHDI REPORTEDLY SUPPORTED ETHIOPIAN NINE-POINT POLICY FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF ERITREAN QUESTION (DESPITE IRAQ'S MAJOR ROLE IN PROVIDING MILITARY AND POLITICAL SUPPORT TO ERITREAN INSURGENTS). PMAC CHAIRMAN TEFERI BANTE HELD TALKS WITH ABOVE AS WELL AS WITH HEADS OF IRANIAN, GUINEAN, ANC AND AAPSO DELEGATIONS. COMMENT: PMAC USING CONFERENCE TO LEGITIMIZE ETHIO-CONFIDENTIAL

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PIAN REVOLUTION AND TO DISPLAY ITS SOCIALIST, AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS. SEPARATE MEETING WITH MENGISTU NOTABLE GIVEN FACT THAT SAME INDIVIDUALS HAD EARLIER CALLED ON PMAC CHAIRMAN. TIENKEN

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